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UM OFFERS INTERNET TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

MISSOULA--

The public is invited to learn more about technology training and certification at an upcoming open house at The University of Montana's Information Technology Resource Center.

The open house will offer information about the ITRC's new partnership with iGeneration, a global leader in providing training and certification to Internet application developers, Web design specialists, database administrators and network security specialists.

It will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the ITRC, located on the lower level of the Davidson Honors College. Staff from iGeneration and the ITRC will present overviews of the company and the program as well as answer questions.

Montana's only iGeneration Technology Training Center will be located on the UM campus and will offer select iGeneration training and certification programs. Founded by technology industry veterans, iGeneration's goal is to help close the Internet skills gap and train individuals to work in technology-oriented careers.

The ITRC, in partnership with corporations such as Sun and Oracle, currently offers training and certification in programming, database administration, and network administration.

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"iGeneration adds a vital component to our training programs," said ITRC Director Lynn Churchill. "For those who don't necessarily want to focus on the mechanics of computers or programming, iGeneration offers practical Internet skills certification packages that can be completed within a short period of time."

The first iGeneration program offered at the ITRC will be "Creative Producer Certification," which provides the skills necessary to oversee Web site development.

Classes will be held in the ITRC's state-of-the art computer lab using iGeneration's proprietary courseware, which engages students in real-world Web design examples. Led by UM's cadre of iGeneration-certified instructors, students can complete the entire program, obtain certification and get hired in as little as four months.

For more information, call the ITRC at 243-6317 or visit iGeneration's Web site at www.igeneration.com.

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